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Dear House Committee on Finance

RI SEIU State Council encompasses four locals in Rhode Island, they are Local 1199NE, 32BJ, Local 580 and Local 401. We represent a collection of healthcare, DCYF, Janitorial, Family Child Care, DLT, workforce development, etc. workers.

The RI SEIU State Council would like to extend our support for Representative Kazarian's Bill H6090, which would increase temporary caregiver benefits to six (6) weeks in a benefit year starting January 1, 2022 and would increase temporary caregiver benefits to eight (8) weeks in a benefit year beginning January 1, 2023.

For so many of our members this expansion is needed we have many different fields that passing this needed legislation would impact for the better. It is vital to have more protections for these workers and their families, to know that they will be able to take time will out of work without any negative recourse. Passing this will allow them to do what is best for their own health and their families.

Thank you for your consideration,

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